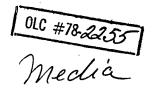
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CHARLES H. PERCY

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Dear Admiral Turner:

Senator Percy thought you might be interested in reading the enclosed article, which appeared in the Chicago Tribune following a press conference held in his office on May 30.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lydon

Press Assistant to

Senator Charles H. Percy

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## Facts prove. Cuban role in Zaire:

UNITED STATES Sen. Percy [R., III.] said Tuesday that government intelli- . Zaire President Mobutu reports fleeing gence reports confirm President Car - rebels massacred more white hostages ter's assertion that Cuba was behind the and Cuba, in a speech the UN General

Percy, at a news conference in his Chicago office, said that while the new evidence supports Carter's charges that Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's troops were behind the African invasion, he does not agree with Carter's related complaint that Congress has "tied" his hands in dealings with Zaire and other ; illegitimate invasions in African countries. Commence of the

Percy said that Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told him in a phone conversa-tion last weekend that "solid evidence". exists linking Cuba to the bloody invasion of Zaire by Kantangan rebels.

IN ADDITION, Percy said members of his staff in Washington were snown evidence-presumably intelligence reports from the French Foreign Legionconfirming Cuban involvement

"I come down on the side of the President in this case," said Percy of the Carter administration's charge that Soviet-trained Cuban advisers led the rebel soldiers. "There is sufficient evidence that the Cubans trained the rebel sol-آخه محرو

However, the senator said he disagrees with the defense of Cuba by U.S. Sen. George McGovern [D., S. D.], who - - "The President had sufficient authori-

military invasion in Zaire. . . . Assembly, denies participating directly or indirectly in the rebel invasion of Zaire. Page 14.

> my word, on my honor, that our forces had nothing to do with the Katanga operation."

"I THINK THE evidence will show that . . . Sen. McGovern was misled," Percy said. 

Percy said that while there appears to be no doubt of Cuba's involvement in the invasion of Zaire, there is no justification for Carter's charge that recent congressional: actions have tied the hands of the President in foreign affairs.

During a news conference in Chicago: last week, Carter did not call for a repeal of an amendment forbidding involvement in Communist-held Angola without legislative approval, but did say that the amendment must be dealing with African countries. that the amendment limits his options in

PERCY DEFENDED the congressional amendment, saying the President had sufficient options in the Zaire matter and, if he wants to get involved in Angola by raiding anti-Communist factions operating in that country, he has only to ask Congress for approval

said that Cuban Vice President Carlos ty in the Zaire situation that he chose Rafael Rodriguez told him: "I give you wisely not to use," Percy said.

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